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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

To: People Interested in the White Bluffs-Richland Transmission Line Relocation Project

Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to relocate a portion of its White Bluffs-Richland 115-kilovolt transmission line in Richland, Wash. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a brief description about the project and invite you to a public meeting to learn more about the project.

Public Meeting

BPA will hold a public meeting on April 22, 2004 to answer any questions you may have about the project including design, environmental, construction and schedule. We do not plan to give a formal presentation at the meeting, so please stop by at your convenience between the scheduled times. Project team members will be available to answer your questions. The meeting will be held:

Thursday, April 22, 2004
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Chief Joseph Middle School Cafeteria
504 Wilson Street
Richland, Wash.

Background

BPA plans to relocate its transmission line to the City of Richland's power line located on the east side of Stevens Drive so that both lines would be located within the city's right-of-way. BPA would, after the new line is completed, coordinate with impacted landowners prior to the removal of the existing line and wood poles. Once the poles and transmission line are removed from the backyards, BPA would release the 100-foot right-of-way easement that currently encumbers those properties.

In preparation for the project, BPA is looking at options that would minimize the impacts to the property owners involved. An environmental analysis is being prepared for this project, under the National Environmental Policy Act and it will be completed prior to the start of construction. BPA representatives will also be in your neighborhood on various occasions to facilitate the planning and design of this project.

Next Steps

Line construction is scheduled to begin in fall 2004 and be completed by spring 2005. The project would impact traffic along Stevens Drive and, at times, restrict or close portions of the street during the daytime period.

For More Information

If you have questions or would like more information about the project, please call our toll-free number 1-888-276-7790. Project information is also available on BPA's Transmission Business Line Web site at: <http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/projects> under Line Rebuild, Location and Substation Projects. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

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